



## A CHAPLET OF YEARS



Ann's Sisterhood and Academy united to honour the humble, cheery nun, who in those years had laid up so much gold, frankincense, and myrrh for her Divine Lord. Ten years pass, and the Good Sister celebrates her Diamond Jubilee. Now it is the Community of the Mother House in Lachine, P.Q., that assembles around the aged Spouse of Christ to keep that Sixtieth Anniversary of her life-obligation to God.

Another plant, with marvellous properties to spread and bloom, was presented to the new Order in the person of Miss Teresa McTucker. She was not quite fifteen, recently arrived from Sligo, Ireland. Few had as much right as she to be called "A Rose of Erin." British Columbia was to know, love, and venerate her as Mother Mary Providence—a gift of unusual worth to this Pacific Coast Province as well as to St. Ann's Congregation.

Names have sometimes been heaven-sent to individuals to signify their particular mission; that of Mother Mary Providence belongs to this prophetic class.

After the first year of probation, Miss McTucker was clothed with the holy habit of St. Ann's and, according to the Rule, received her name in religion. Lady Harwood, a friend of the new Order, captivated by the blooming appearance of the Irish novice requested that she be called Sister Mary Rose. At the same ceremony, another novice, pitifully pocked and contrasting in every outward respect with the prepossessing Irish girl, was to take the habit. The name, Sister Mary Providence, was intended for her. The family name of each novice, with the name by which she was henceforth to be known, was written on a list from which they were to be read by the officiating priest. At the appointed place in the Ceremonial, the priest gave out the names but inadvertently connected Miss McTucker's with Sister M. Providence, and the other novice's with Sister M. Rose. The mistake might easily have been rectified when the Sisters came out of the Chapel, but the slip was so unaccountable that it was accepted as willed by God. Her subsequent career justified this interpretation, for she was a Providence to great and small, to rich and poor, giving counsel to the one and resources to the other.

No less God-willed was the substitution of Sister Mary Providence for another religious who had been named for the Vancouver Island missions, and had already set out on the two months' trip, when she became too ill to proceed and had to return to the Mother House. The details are interesting and have their analogy in the Life of St. Francis Xavier.